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HOUSE BILL NO. 847

BY REPRESENTATIVE WOOTON

CRIME: Amends the crime of removing or altering vehicle identification numbers

## 1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:207(A), relative to the crime of alteration or removal of  
3 identifying numbers on motor vehicles; to provide for the elements of the crime; to  
4 include trailers; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:207(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §207. Motor vehicles, alteration or removal of identifying numbers prohibited; sale,  
8 etc., of motor vehicle with altered identifying numbers prohibited; penalty;  
9 application of Section

10 A. No person shall cover, remove, deface, alter, or destroy the  
11 manufacturer's number or any other distinguishing number or identification mark on  
12 any motor vehicle, ~~or~~ motor vehicle part, or trailer as defined by R.S. 32:1 for the  
13 purpose of concealing or misrepresenting its identity; nor shall any person buy, sell,  
14 receive, dispose of, conceal, or knowingly have in his possession any motor vehicle,  
15 ~~or~~ motor vehicle part, or trailer as defined by R.S. 32:1 from or on which the  
16 manufacturer's number or any other distinguishing number or identification mark has  
17 been covered, removed, defaced, altered, or destroyed for the purpose of concealing  
18 or misrepresenting its identity.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Expands the crime of alteration or removal of identifying numbers on motor vehicles to include trailers.

Present law provides that no person shall cover, remove, deface, alter, or destroy the manufacturer's number or any other distinguishing number or identification mark on any motor vehicle or motor vehicle part, for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting its identity. Further provides that no person shall buy, sell, receive, dispose of, conceal, or knowingly have in his possession any motor vehicle or motor vehicle part from or on which the manufacturer's number or any other distinguishing number or identification mark has been covered, removed, defaced, altered, or destroyed for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting its identity.

Proposed law adds trailers to present law and otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 14:207(A))